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SUBJECT: THE MIG-19 DEFECTION: PRC REACTION

REF: PEKING 1388

1. THE FIRST REFERENCE, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, TO THE DEFECTION OF MIG-19 PILOT FAN YUAN-YI BY THE LOCAL PRO-PRC MEDIA WAS AN EDITORIAL ON JULY 28 IN THE "CHING PAO" DAILY (CIRC. 100,000) WHICH DESCRIBED FAN AS A "DRIED BRANCH FALLING OFF A BIG TREE." THIS IS TERMED A COMMON OCCURRENCE WHICH DOES NOT HURT THE TREE. THE EDITORIAL GOES ON TO SAY THAT OUT OF A POPULATION OF 8-900 MILLION AND A PARTY OF 30 MILLION, IT IS NOT SURPRISING TO FIND A FEW DESERTERS (TAO PING 6625/0365) AND REBELS (PAN TU 0651/1778). THE PAPER NOTES THAT EVEN SUN YAT-SEN'S REVOLUTION HAD DEFECTORS, BUT THAT THE REVOLUTION STILL SUCCEEDED.

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THE EDITORIAL DID NOT ADMIT THE DEFECTION DIRECTLY, BUT REFERENCED "FOREIGN REPORTS."

2. COMMENT: THE BLASE ATTITUDE ECHOES THAT EXPRESSED IN REFTEL, BUT CONTRASTS WITH THE ATTENTION GIVEN FORMER ROC DEFECTORS TO THE PRC WHO HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT RECENTLY OF SEVERAL LONG, FULSOME ARTICLES

IN THE LOCAL PRO-PRC PRESS.
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